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- 1. As of March 1952, the 1 Rifle Division, subordinate to 1 Army, had its headquarters in Sofia and was composed of the following units, all with headquarters also in Sofia:
  - The 6 Rifle Regiment, Podelenie 45120;
  - The 48 Rifle Regiment (this regiment arrived in Sofia from Nevrokop in the fall of 1951);
  - The 18 Howitzer Regiment, Podelenie 45520;
  - An unidentified artillery regiment, Podelenie 45420;
  - An unidentified tank brigade; and
  - An unidentified antiaircraft unit.
- As of March 1952, all the above listed units were quartered in barracks approximately four kilometers southeast of Sofia on the Sofia-Samokov road. The commanding officer of the division was Major General Anev and the commanding officer of 6 Rifle Regiment was Colonel Dochev.
- In December 1950, the 18 Howitzer Regiment was formed in Sofia and was assigned to I Rifle Division. Major Karapanchev was commanding officer of the regiment until January 1952, when he was replaced by Major Kirchev. As of March 1952, the Chief of Staff of the regiment was Captain Peshev.

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- 4. The 18 Howitzer Regiment is composed of the following sections:
  - a. The 1 Section, composed of 1, 2, and 3 Batteries; equipped with Soviet 122 mm. howitzers drawn by ZIS tractors; commanding officer, First Lieutenant Savov; chief of staff, First Lieutenant Radev;
  - b. The 2 Section, composed of 4, 5, and 6 Batteries; equipped with Soviet 122 mm. howitzers drawn by ZIS tractors; commanding officer, Captain Trupkov; chief of staff, Second Lieutenant Mladenov;
  - c. The 3 Section, composed of 7, 8, and 9 Batteries; equipped with one battery of Soviet 122 mm. howitzers and two batteries of Soviet 75 mm. ZIS howitzers; weapons are drawn by Steyr tractors; and
  - d. The 4 Section, the training section of 18 Howitzer Regiment; commanding officer, Warrant Officer Yordanov; this section has no weapons of its own and guns of the other sections are used for training purposes.
- 5. As of 27 March 1952, the 4 Battery of 2 Section, had 39 men divided into four groups. The battery was armed with four Soviet 122 mm. howitzers, four Soviet Sudayev 7.62 mm. submachine guns, which were carried by the four group leaders, and 35 Soviet Vintovka 7.62 mm. rifles. The commanding officer of the Battery was First Lieutenant Dimitur Stefanov Ivanov, political commissar was First Lieutenant Gancho Kolev, and two of the group leaders were Second Lieutenant Georgiev and Second Lieutenant Kostov.
- 6. The artillery regiment subordinate to 1 Rifle Division was equipped with Soviet 122 mm. howitzers and ZIS 75 mm. guns drawn by tractors.